Deputy President.—Before proceeding further I wish to draw your attention that this is not the first time that the Hon'ble Member for Medicine has been saying that the Official Members have to face coss-examination. On this point on a previous occasion the late President, Mr. Narayana Ayyar issued a statementin the Council, (Vide Proceedings of 9th December 1925, pages 210 to 214.) allowing all the Members of the official block to take part in answering the question.

The reference by the Member for Medicine regarding cross-examination is to a certain extent not relavent.

Adjournment Motion *re: the inhuman treatment of a patient in Trichur Hospital.*

Deputy President.—A request for an adjournment motion is placed in my hands now. According to the amended Standing Orders this motionought to have been presented to the President or to the Secreary before the sitting commenced. To-day it is not in order under Standing Order 13 (2). Standing Order 13 (2) as amendment reads thus:—"But the Member asking for leave must before the commencement of the sitting at which it is presented leave with the President a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed." This was presented only after the meeting commenced.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Where shall we present it? There is no recognised place. It has been the custom here to give it to the President after Questions and Answers.

Deputy President.—The custom was to leave it on the Table of the President in his private room or present it to the Secretary or as soon as the President comes here present it to him in person before the sitting commences. When once the sitting has commenced this cannot be accepted for the day.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—With due deference to you, Sir, I may say that it is always invariably given before the question time is over. It may be a violation of the rule. But it has been the custom to present it immediately after question time is over. Where are we to give this before the sitting commences? Are we to go and catch him in the Maidan? The President comes here straight away. If you will kindly prescribe the place where we should take, we may not commit mistakes hereafter.

Deputy President.—This is the first motion after the Standing Order was amended. This can be given before the sitting commences in his private room or here before formal business is opened or present it to the Secretary before the sitting commences.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it in order now?

Deputy President.—It is not in order for to-day. But it will be in order for to-morrow and we shall have it to-morrow.

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